

**374a Identification adults *Sylvia* Warblers**

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**IDENTIFICATION KEY: ADULTS OF *Sylvia* AND *Curruca* WARBLERS.**

1 - Outermost tail feather without a white patch ..... 2

Outermost tail feather with a white patch ..... 3

2 - Head uniform grey: Garden Warbler (*Sylvia borin*)

- Head with a black (male) or reddish-brown (female) cap: Eurasian Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*)

3 - Tertiaries with orange edges ..... 4

Tertiaries with grey or brown edges ..... 5

4 - Wing longer than 68 mm; 10th primary shorter than primary coverts; head of male/female with grey-brownish tinge: Common Whitethroat (*Curruca communis*)

- Wing shorter than 58 mm; 10th primary longer than primary coverts; male with blackish head; female with grey-brownish tinged head: Spectacled Warbler (*Curruca conspicillata*)

5 - With white throat ..... 6

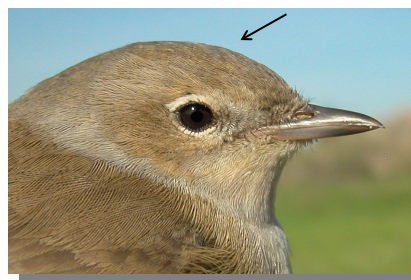
With reddish/grey throat ..... 7

6 - Without red eye ring; male/female with dark head; wing longer than 72 mm: Western Orphean Warbler (*Curruca hortensis*)

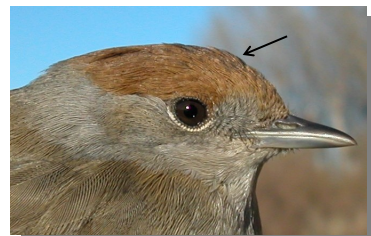
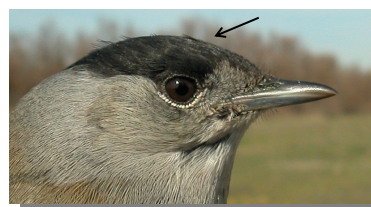
- With red eye ring; with black (male) or grey (female) head; wing shorter than 67 mm: Sardinian Warbler (*Curruca melanocephala*)

7 - With greyish upperparts; reddish throat spotted white; tail long: Dartford Warbler (*Curruca undata*)

- With brownish upperparts; plain reddish throat not spotted white; tail short: Subalpine Warbler (*Curruca iberiae*)



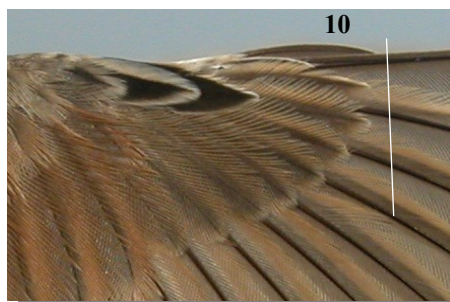
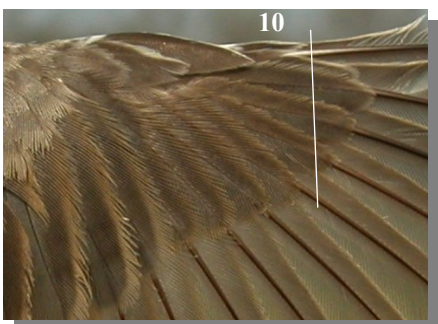
Garden Warbler: uniform grey head; outermost tail feather without a white patch.



Eurasian Blackcap: with black (male) or brown (female) cap; outermost tail feather without a white patch.

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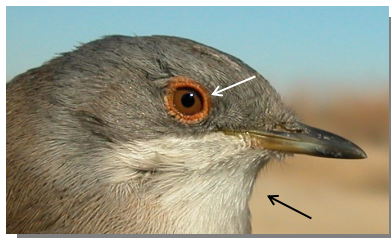
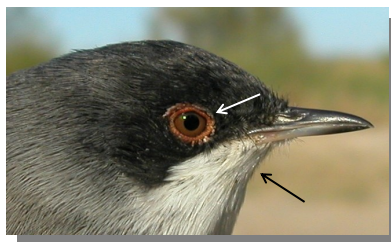
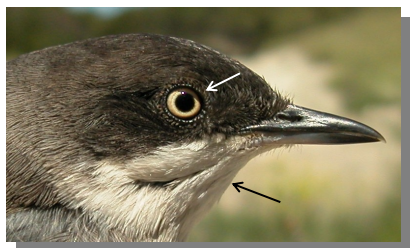
Common Whitethroat: outermost tail feather with a white patch; tertials with orange edges; 10th primary shorter than primary coverts; male (1)/female (2) with brown-grey tinged head.

Spectacled Warbler: outermost tail feather with a white patch; tertials with orange edges; 10th primary longer than primary coverts; male (1) with blackish head; female (2) with brown-grey tinged head.



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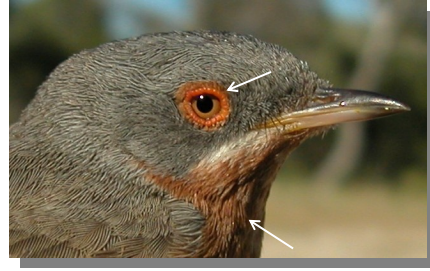
Western Orphee Warbler: outermost tail feather with a white patch; tertials with buffish edges; white throat; without reddish eye ring; male/female with blackish head.

Sardinian Warbler: outermost tail feather with a white patch; tertials with buffish edges; white throat; with reddish eye ring; with black (male) or

grey (female) head.

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Dartford Warbler: outermost tail feather with a white patch; tertials with buffish edges; grey upperparts; reddish throat spotted white; reddish eye ring; long tail.

Subalpine Warbler: outermost tail feather with a white patch; tertials with buffish edges; brown upperparts; plain reddish throat not spotted white; reddish eye ring; short tail.